Gary Elkins

Biography

Gary Elkins was elected in 1995 to represent District 135, a portion of Harris County that includes Jersey Village. He currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism, and sits on the Committee on Ways & Means and the Committee on Local & Consent Calendars.

A native of Houston, Representative Elkins graduated from Bellaire High School in 1974 and worked his way through college at Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie, Texas, where he earned a B.S. in Practical Theology. Representative Elkins returned to Houston and worked in real estate before starting his own business, Personal Credit Corporation.

Having served on the Business & Industry Committee, Financial Institutions Committee, State Affairs Committee, and State, Federal, and International Relations Committee, Representative Elkins has gained a broad range of legislative experience during his nine sessions serving his constituents.

Representative Elkinss philosophy of limited government that promotes pro-business and pro-family values has earned him a reputation as a common sense, conservative legislator. Last session Representative Elkins was selected as a "Texas Taxpayer Advocate" by Texans for Fiscal Responsibility. This session he became a "Texas Taxpayer Champion" based on his votes on core budget and free enterprise issues that demonstrate commonsense protections for taxpayers and responsible government spending. Americans for Prosperity called Representative Elkins a "Friend of the Taxpayer" in the 81st Legislature. He has been recognized by the Texas Association of Business as a "Fighter for Free Enterprise" based on his pro-business voting records in the 77th, 78th and 79th Legislatures and a "Champion for Free Enterprise" in the 81st Legislature.

Representative Elkins lives in Jersey Village and is married to the former Julie Ann Brown. Together they have four children, four grandchildren, and are members of Faith Assembly of God Church.

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